

**Objection Period Extension  
Bitterroot National Forest**

The Bitterroot National Forest is extending the 45-day objection period for the Darby Lumber Lands - Phase II project to allow individuals or organizations an additional five days to submit objections. The project webpage was unavailable for four days during the objection period and several individuals requested an extension due to this inconvenience.

Objections must be received by April 15, 2019.

Information regarding the objection period and Draft Decision Notice can be found online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49700> and clicking on the Decision tab.

Objections mailed or hand-delivered must be submitted to the reviewing officer at:

Objection Reviewing Officer

USDA Forest Service

26 Fort Missoula Road

Missoula, MT 59804

Hand-delivered objections must be delivered between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays.

Electronic objections must be submitted to: [appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us) with "Darby Lumber Lands - Phase II Project Objection" in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software (e.g. Word, PDF, Rich Text) and be searchable. An automated response will confirm that your electronic objection has been received.

Faxed objections must be faxed to the Objection Reviewing Officer at: (406) 329-3411. Please include "Darby Lumber Lands - Phase II Project Objection" in the subject line.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process. Names and contact information (including addresses and e-mail addresses) submitted with objections will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

At a minimum an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available; 2) a signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for Email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request); 4) the name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; and 5) a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and 6) a statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection.

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